

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7054

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the American Heart Association for their support of women and the fight against heart disease for designating February 2, 2006, "Wear Red for Women Day."

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) claim the lives of over 480,000 American females, about one death per minute, each year; and

WHEREAS, of the women who die each year, 53 percent die from cardiovascular disease as compared to 46 percent of men who die as a result of CVD; approximately 35,000 more females than males die from a stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the estimated direct and indirect cost of CVD and stroke in the United States is \$403.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, more women die of CVD than the next six leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

WHEREAS, only 13 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as "American Heart Month"; and

WHEREAS, "Go Red for Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness of heart disease--the leading cause of death for women--and to inspire women to take charge of their hearts' health; and

WHEREAS, by increasing awareness and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we hereby congratulate the American Heart Association for their support of women and the fight against heart disease for designating February 2, 2006, "Wear Red for Women Day" in Tennessee and encouraging that citizens commemorate this day by the wearing of the color red.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.